



**A&E P3:** Kappa Delta sorority continues strong charity tradition



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## HOT GLASS



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Elizabeth Miles (left), MFA in Spatial Arts aids Kendrick McKenzie (right), BFA in Spatial Arts during the glass blowing process. Students are allowed to use the facilities on their own time and often have shows down the hall in the Hubert Sanders Gallery located in the Industrial Studies building in room 236.

## BUILT TO SUCCEED

# Role models offer advice for women in engineering

By Jose Munguia  
Staff writer

San Jose State University hosted the Women in Engineering (WiE) conference on Saturday with keynote speakers presenting to students from SJSU, surrounding community colleges and high schoolers. WiE Silicon Valley is a program built to help women succeed in the field of engineering. While it may be held at SJSU, the program extends its help to local high schools, community colleges and other universities as well.

Blanca L. Sanchez-Cruz, the Assistant Director for the College of Engineering at SJSU since June 2012, was the WiE conference manager this year. Sanchez-Cruz helped oversee the conference, making sure everything ran smoothly. “Last year was the first year we held the conference. This (WiE) was set up to help develop women in

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## PREVIEW

# UPD to connect with SJSU students one cup at a time

By Daphne Morales  
Staff writer

Created in Hawthorne, California, “Coffee With a Cop” is coming to San Jose State University. The University Police Department has partnered with the program in order to find different ways for cops to interact with students, faculty and parents. The Hawthorne Police Department launched the program in 2011 in hopes of residents and cops connecting and learning more about each other, one cup at a time. According to the “Coffee With a Cop” website, “In less than three years, Coffee with a Cop events have been hosted in more than 2,000 communities, in 49 states and is one of the most successful community-oriented policing programs across the country.” The program has also expanded

worldwide to many other places, like Canada, Europe, Australia and Africa. “We (the SJSU Police Department) don’t really know what to expect,” said SJSU police officer Pricilia Vasquez. “We don’t know if a lot of people will show up or not.” The SJSU Police Department wants students who attend to simply have a cup of coffee with law enforcement personnel. “I do not think this event will be very effective because I do not have trust in the SJSU Police Department,” said Tamara Williams, senior child development major. “Every time I witnessed the campus police being called, they didn’t handle situations in a professional manner.” “Coffee With a Cop”

includes police officers, records department, dispatchers, parking services and people that you encounter every day from the law enforcement departments. “We’re also going to inform students about the services we offer,” Vasquez said. “We offer services like the blue lights, safety escorts; we also have RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) classes for females.” There are many programs offered by SJSU police that will be explained at the event over coffee. Vasquez said she has always wanted to help people, and “Coffee With a Cop” will be a way to get to know and help SJSU students. “I initially wanted to be a doctor, but it just wasn’t for me,” Vasquez said. “Now I’m a cop, and I’m out there helping people whether it’s something big or something small.”

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## HATE CRIME UPDATE

# Ex-students sentenced to 30 days of jail

By Raphael Stroud  
Contributing writer

The hate crime case involving three former SJSU students finally came to an end Monday morning as Logan Beaschler, Joseph Bomgardner and Colin Warren were sentenced for misdemeanor battery. Beaschler and Warren were sentenced to 30 days in jail, which can be fulfilled through weekend work programs. They are also obligated to fulfill 50 hours of community service, and while neither received a guilty verdict for their hate crime charges, the service must be done with a nonprofit organization benefiting the African-American community. They are also required to take courses on the Civil Rights Movement and black history to improve their sensitivity. Bomgardner was sentenced to 50 hours as well, but not present to hear it for himself. Unlike his fellow defendants, he was not given 30 days in jail, likely due to the nature of his participation.

Before handing out the sentences, presiding judge Thang Nguyen Barrett dismissed the defense’s main argument that the bike lock incident had been a prank gone out of control. “What you both, as well as Mr. Bomgardner, have inflicted on (the victim) can no longer be characterized as simply a prank,” Barrett said, telling them the jury had determined that what they had done was a criminal act. Despite this, the three received noticeably lighter sentences than the prosecution was aiming for, which was four months in jail as well as community service. “We think that (120 days) reflects the significant emotional impact these kinds of crimes have on the victim, his family and the community at large,” Malinsky said, but added that they respected the judge’s decision in the sentencing. Prior to the sentencing, both the prosecution and defense were given the opportunity to be heard by the judge on what they believed to be appropriate. For the prosecution, Nancy Williams, the mother of the victim, called for the judge to give the three former students the maximum sentence possible for their convictions. “We ask that these young men are held accountable for their actions,” Williams said. “It is unacceptable, and it is wrong.” Bomgardner’s advocate, Sam Polverino, said it was easier to be critical than correct and went on to criticize the media for commenting on the lack of African-Americans on the jury without factoring the percentage of black people in Santa

Clara County as well as the diverse witnesses who testified in favor of the defense. He argued for Bomgardner’s sentence to be light due to his proven lack of involvement in much of the bullying, and because much of the media did not differentiate Bomgardner’s involvement compared to Warren and Beaschler, applying equal guilt to all three by lumping them together in reports. The lack of a guilty verdict on the hate crime charges had already drawn criticism on social media, with users beyond the SJSU community commenting on the perceived lack of justice. With the light sentencing, the Black Student Union called an emergency meeting set for Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in room 240 at Clark Hall. Amani Bel, a member of the Black Student Union and one of a handful of students who attended the sentence, found it to be “lenient.” She was also shocked that their sentence involved them working with African-American groups. “I see what they’re trying to say, as far as ... for them to understand and interact with black people and things like that,” Bel said. “But it’s kind of hard to just put them there knowing the things they said and what they’ve done.” Kathy Beaschler, the mother of Logan, did not disagree with the judge’s decision and found the community service to be “very appropriate.” The Beaschlers’ attorney, Chuck Mesirow, echoed her sentiments. In a statement, SJSU Interim President Sue Martin said, “We respect the district attorney’s and the court’s discretion in considering appropriate sanctions based on the defendant’s conduct. That notwithstanding, the behavior described in this case is unacceptable, and SJSU is committed to a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students.” She reiterated that the three are no longer enrolled in the university. The three boys are banned from the CSU system in general and will never be able to attend a state school in California. As defense attorney Dek Ketchum put it, the wide exposure of the men’s crimes may carry punishment lasting longer than their criminal sentences. With the criminal case finished, Williams’ family now prepares for their \$5 million civil suit against the defendant’s families and San Jose State University for the trauma inflicted on the victim.

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TECH NEWS

Predicting Apple’s future



“Let us loop you in” reads the invitation to the March 21 Apple keynote event and as usual, the internet is buzzing with predictions as to what the keynote event will announce and what new gadgets will cause long lines of fans at every Apple store around the world. The Spartan Daily staff have some predictions on what the new gadgets might be.

Tyler Kittle

Apple’s upcoming keynote will announce a couple new iPhones. The rumored iPhone SE almost certainly will be unveiled, which will be a budget model, to replace the previous models as the cheap alternative. I predict that it will have a small screen, probably around 4 inches, small battery and small storage options, while using Apple’s latest design language to distinguish it from older models.

Of course, the real show stopper will be the iPhone 7, which will likely feature faster hardware, a better camera and a new design. Similar to the iPhone 6

models, there will be two screen options, with the regular model having a five-inch screen, and the larger, “Plus” model having a larger screen than the 6 Plus’s 5.5 inch display.

The Plus will most likely have more storage options and a larger battery than the standard 7. It will also have different proportions from the small 7, making the design more space efficient than the old models. Rumors say that the new phones will lack headphone jacks,

instead using wireless or lightning headphones, extremely limiting headphone choice for users. I hope this isn’t going to be true, but it does fall in line with some of Apple’s other

decisions.

iOS 10 will almost certainly be announced, and it will probably change the look and feel of the operating system as a whole, similar to what iOS 7 did. This new design will use different animations and feature a flatter, cleaner look. However, there will be only a few system changes, and actual system functionality will change very little.

As for other devices, I predict the iPad Air 3 will be announced, which will be thinner and lighter than the previous model. The Apple Watch will likely be refreshed to make it more user-friendly. But, let’s face it, no one really cares about those.

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Yale Wyatt

I’ll be surprised if we don’t see some new tweaks to the Apple Watch, considering it’s their new baby and Apple needs to push the product more if they want it to be as ubiquitous as their smartphones. Some rumors indicate a new band to hold the watch, but I doubt that would be the only thing they would reveal during the keynote. That isn’t going to get people hyped up.

A leak of a new case size could indicate, if it is to be believed, a new iPad Air; however, I would be more excited to hear details about the new iPhone. Except for Apple fanatics, nobody cares about minor sizing differences when it comes to iPads. Most people aren’t going to drop their iPad Air 2 for an iPad Air 3. People will, however,

scramble to get their hands on the latest iPhone. Again, rumors were hyping up that Apple might downsize their iPhone 7 model in contrast to the current iPhone 6S, but with a potential schematic leak on Sunday. Apple could be planning to make the iPhone even slimmer.

I’m not really into Apple computers, so I can’t make an educated guess whether they’ll have any upgrades for Macbooks. Perhaps they’ll add touch-screen capabilities. That would work well with the Macbook interface.

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Kato Guzman

Apple will probably announce their latest and greatest overpriced Macbooks. Right now, the most powerful Macbooks are outdated and going for twice the price of a comparable PC. Build over power is admirable though, considering I’ve gone through three PCs in two years.

Rumors have been circulating around the Internet that Apple should be announcing a new Macbook any day now with touch-screen capabilities, 6th Generation i7 processors and full high-definition capabilities for all models (or maybe even 4k). Right now, only the higher level Macs are able to operate with full HD capabilities from 1080p and up.

They may even have larger hard drives running up to at least 500 GB for lower level Macbooks or even a terabyte for the pricier models. Those are common in PCs and have been for years; it would be time for Apple to catch up to the market.

There are also rumors the new Macbooks will separate from their keyboards and operate as tablets. They often claim to be the originals, but Apple seems to fall behind Microsoft or their current court rival Samsung when it comes to innovation.

Whatever overpriced model or whatever weak-powered machines Apple releases, I’ll probably still stick with my poorly built and partially reliable PC. Even if it is held together with duct tape and the hinges are cracking because I’m just as stubborn as I am broke.

If they announce a newer version of the iPhone, I won’t be surprised either. It’s been a few months since the last one came out and it seems time they upgrade to the latest version with a new feature of one tiny little difference that barely anyone will notice.

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Yousif Kassab

Apple sent out invites for their press event being held on the Apple campus in Cupertino where they will unveil new hardware. The message read “Let us loop you in” which sounds to this writer like a nod to the company’s Apple Watch.

Rumors have been circulating about manufacturers starting production on the new Apple Watch. I’m not convinced it’ll be anything more than a quick iterative update with something like a camera for FaceTime and better battery life.

There have also been reports of what’s been described as an iPhone 6C-like device that’ll tout a 4-inch screen. This move would be strategic as they would ensure they keep any install-base be put off s c r e e n the newest. The new would also for anyone a lower price may not be in the older models.

I doubt we’ll see anything pertaining to the high-end iPhone models. The new iPhones are usually unveiled in the fall right before the holidays so it’s uncertain if we’ll see an update at this keynote. If we do see the iPhone 7, it’s likely to show up missing the 2.5 mm headphone jack this time around.

This is unsurprising since the jack is the oldest port on the device and one of the least waterproof components on the phone. Apple has also reportedly been developing a method of wireless charging which may keep a device charged within a limited range without using a mat or cable.

Should they implement this technology with a jackless device, that would leave the lightning cable port open for a pair of headphones. Cutting the headphone jack would be an unpopular choice in the public eye because it would be an opportunity for the company to push another \$20 adapter or cable to their customers as they have done many times before.

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According to the “Coffee With a Cop” website, the program has no agenda and is meant to break down the barriers between police officers and citizens in the community.

“I don’t feel like I need to get to know them because I don’t live on campus, and I think it would be most beneficial for on campus students,” said Jin Diep, junior industrial design major. “I also don’t have time for it.”

The city of San Jose also hosted a “Coffee

With a Cop” event last year.

During the event at Japantown in October 2015, they played games like battleship and took photos with residents.

“Nothing like this has ever been done (at SJSU),” Vasquez said. “Come get to know us, not only the uniform but us.”

This event is Wednesday March 16 at the Student Union from 8:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m.

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engineering,” Sanchez-Cruz said. “It was called Power Women in Engineering last year, then we rebranded it to the Silicon Valley Women in Engineering this year.”

The difference between last year’s conference compared to this year’s is the amount of people it reached out to this year. By Saturday, all of the spots were filled.

“I believe that we have a greater community that’s growing and it’s a benefit to be able to reach out to the various women, as well as males, that don’t have to be at SJSU to receive the help we give,” Sanchez-Cruz said.

The conference hosted 74 presenters, all who are professionals in the Silicon Valley. Students were able to talk to them and discuss some tips on how to succeed in a male-dominated field. Most presenters were CEOs or vice presidents in their companies.

Safra A. Catz, Chief Executive Officer of Oracle Corporation and a member of the company’s board of directors, shared her advice with the audience.

“If I can give you any advice, it is to constantly be looking for opportunity when things are changing,” Catz said.

She went on to discuss how she realized things were changing back in the ‘90s and took notice. Catz discussed how she took the chance on software while everyone around her on Wall Street told her it would never blow up.

“I went to California to find businesses and I lived in my car and hotels calling my

boss everyday about all of these businesses until my second meeting was with Oracle,” Catz said.

The audience looked on as Catz continued to give advice about taking a chance on things even if no one else would.

Andrew Clements, sophomore civil engineer major, was in attendance. Even though the conference was centered around women, that didn’t stop him from signing up. Although it’s called Women in Engineering in Silicon Valley, men are still allowed to be involved in the conference.

“When you have all these professionals attending, of course I’m going to sign up to come. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get advice on how to make it in this field,” Clements said.

The conference’s common goal was to help students succeed, be they male or female.

After the speech, the conference broke off into sessions again, ending with a gala dinner and another keynote speaker: Tsu-Jae King-Liu, chair of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences at UC Berkeley.

“With the success we had today, WiE in Silicon Valley is going to continue to grow and make this event more than just a once-a-year type of event,” Sanchez-Cruz said.

What’s next for the conference is the possibility of extending the event from one day to two or three.

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Members of the Program Committee gather in front of the stage at the Silicon Valley Women in Engineering Conference ‘16 at the Student Union Ballroom on Saturday, March 12.



# Shamrock Showcase strikes gold with SJSU community for charity

By Melissa Hartman  
Staff writer

San Jose State Greek life members rushed to the Event Center as early as possible last Thursday night with a small but important mission: to save seats for their organization to watch members participate in Kappa Delta's Shamrock Showcase.

Shamrock Showcase raises money primarily for the charity Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA) and also for Silicon Valley's YWCA, which stands for eliminating racism and empowering women. This is the 19th time that Kappa Delta has hosted this philanthropic event at SJSU.

Many fraternities and sororities on campus host charity events each semester, but Sarah Smith, junior theater arts major and Delta Zeta sorority member, credits the popularity of Kappa Delta's Shamrock Showcase to the inclusion of all councils.

"(Shamrock) includes not only Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Council (PHC), but National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and United Sorority and Fraternity Council USFC as well," Smith said. "Having that involvement in a PHC sorority event brings everyone

together and you get a better idea of the entire Greek life on this campus

Shamrock Showcase started on March 6 with Pinwheels for Prevention, when the dancers in the competition made pinwheels to support PCAA, and ended with the showcase on Thursday. The showcase was open to the public with prices at \$12 for students and \$15 for the outside community.

While having the potential to raise a ton of money, there was also a rivalry to the whole week as each day had a competition that could reward points toward each organization competing to win the philanthropy. "Pump Up Day" on March 8 was filled with challenges like tug of war, a rap battle and a unique competition where the contestant had to put panty hose on their head with a tennis ball in it and knock over cans.

Adit Shrestha, freshman management information systems major and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member, said that while the week was a competition, everyone was friendly.



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Alpha Kappa Omega takes first place at the Shamrock Showcase 2016.

He especially bonded with members from Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Tau Omega.

Shrestha said that preparing for the dance his fraternity brothers performed at Shamrock Showcase was no small feat. "Rehearsal has been tough but we pulled through it, but the dance is really good now and I'm excited to perform," Shrestha said.

In the end, it was obvious that all the effort put into the week by both Kappa Delta and participating organizations was all for the deserving causes. Before the showcase started on Thursday night, organizer Winnie Mai introduced a video that brought everyone in the room back to why the event was planned.

The video consisted of Kappa Delta sorority members stating statistics about child abuse that made the whole community simultaneously humbled and proud they were raising money to make a

dent in those same facts.

The charity PCAA has roots in Kappa Delta, as one of their alumnus founded the organization itself. According to Kappa Delta's national website, "Since 1981, Kappa Delta has been a proud supporter of Prevent Child Abuse America, an organization founded by the late Donna Stone, one of our own Kappa Delta sisters. To date, Kappa Delta has donated more than \$18 million to prevent child abuse in our country."

By including all of the councils and pumping up the competition with multiple events throughout the week, maybe another Greek life organization can raise the same amount of money or even more to bring awareness of their own charities to SJSU.



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TMC dance group showcase their choreography piece as an exhibition team for Shamrock Showcase.

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## Classifieds

### Sudoku Puzzle

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55 Whom mentors mentor  
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# ‘Yelp for humans’ crashed and burned

By Rebecca Pirayou  
Staff writer



The not-so-anticipated, highly-dreaded “Yelp for humans” app, “Peeple,” launched last week and isn’t as provocative as initially expected. “Peeple,” which has a 1.5 star rating in the Apple App store, is an app that allows people to rate other people that have pre-approved accounts on the app. Last October, it was announced that this app would be available soon. Since then, people have been dreading it as it could be an open forum for bullying. However, the app has been modified since and the five-star rating system has

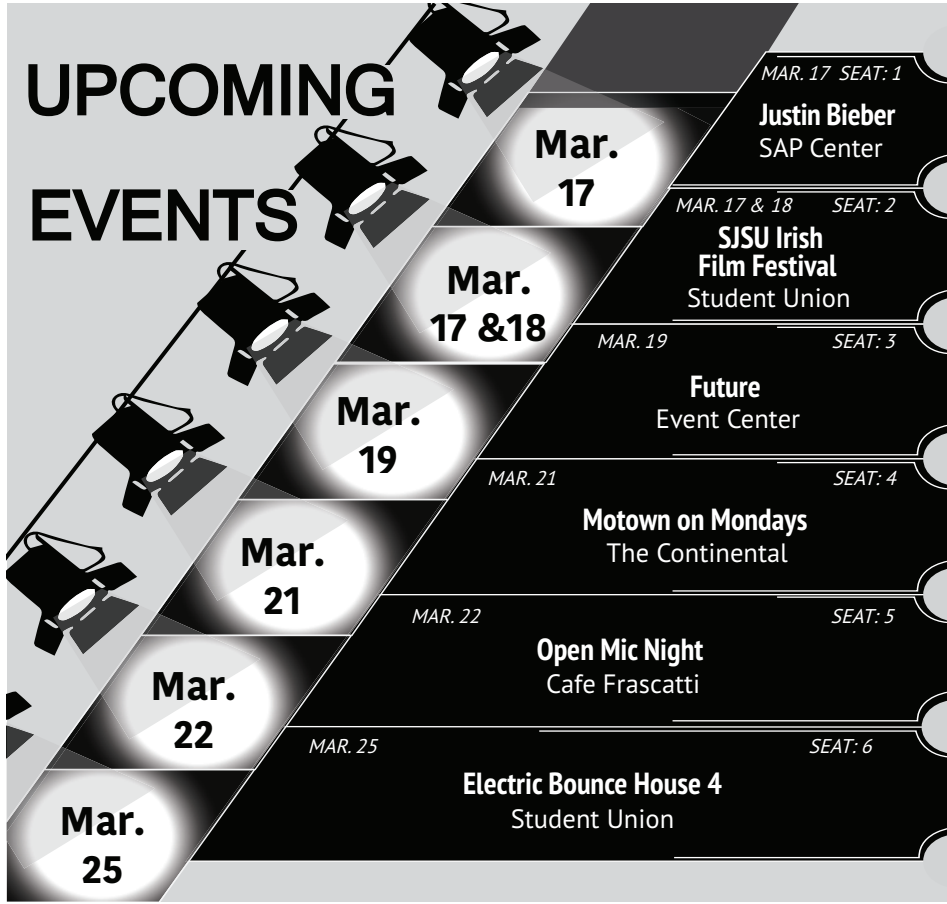
been taken away. Instead, positive, neutral and negative assessments have replaced it, which made “Peeple” end up less like another online bullying platform and as more of a LinkedIn. The app, which is comparable to Lulu, the “Yelp for boys” that peaked in 2013 mainly among college students, has three rating categories: professional, personal and dating. SJSU senior biology major Danielle Hathorn thinks the app serves no purpose. “I get what they’re trying to do, but then again, what employer would trust that? On the personal rating, that’s just sleazy,” Hathorn said. “That’s why you get to know people: you

can’t just download an app and automatically know someone. That doesn’t work.” The app takes social media a little too literally by essentially having others create profiles for their friends and colleagues. The aim was for the app to be used to judge people you interact with or would want to hire, not necessarily friends or potential dates, but for things like a last-minute babysitter, professors at school or a clerk at Safeway. According to the app’s website, “Peeple will provide you a safe place to manage your online reputation while protecting your greatest assets by making better decisions about the people around you.” The release of this app has been highly criticized, deeming it the “Yelp for humans” and as a platform that would promote bullying. While it does leave room for bullying, the app has regulations in place that protect individuals. The only way to be featured on the app is to create your own account through various social media accounts. People cannot create accounts for other people. However, anything written about someone must be approved by that same person before it is published on the app, meaning they have access to everything that is said about them— the good and the bad— and can stop it from going public.

When the person can approve whatever is being posted about them, it essentially defeats the purpose of the app: all negative reviews, professional and personal, can be hidden. “That’s so bad, but it doesn’t even work,” said Sarah Burton, SJSU senior marketing major. “If people have the power to approve what gets posted about them and what doesn’t get posted, they can pretty much only say good things about themselves.” That begs the question: will people even download and use this app? “It’s just the shock that people are playing on right now,” Hathorn said. “The app will crash and burn after a few weeks anyway.” While the app is essentially serves no real purpose, the premise on which it was created wasn’t genuine. The creators sell this app based on some distorted idea that it will help people seek out child care providers or help students choose professors when there are already various, reliable platforms that do the same thing. This app was created by two people who missed the cattiness of high school and just wanted to create something as an excuse to break people down.



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# ‘Sister Act’ play lives up to movie expectations

By Daphne Morales  
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The Montgomery Theatrer in Downtown San Jose hosted the Children’s Musical Theater (CMT) with their play, “Sister Act,” directed by Kevin R. Hauge last Thursday. “Sister Act” is based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture written by Joseph Howard, starring Whoopi Goldberg. The CMT presented the play with a cast of 16 actors and actresses with two acts. It was full of disco, funk and Motown-inspired tunes that had the crowd feeling excited. The “Sister Act” play describes the life of Deloris Van Cartier (Mercedes Long) as she needs to hide in a convent and live the life of a nun for a few months. Long was a nominee for the Frank Frye Vocal Performance Award this past year. Act One presents main character Deloris, a lively singer, caught in a bad situation after witnessing a murder by her mobster lover Curtis Jackson (Tyler Harding). Deloris is forced to hide in a convent and pose as a nun while Curtis is to be arrested. She meets many nuns who later become close friends and like sisters to her. Meanwhile, Deloris brings her wild side into the convent and teaches her quiet new sisters many things from the outside world. After meeting and getting to know the nuns from the convent, Deloris inspires one of the nuns to speak up after herself and be who she truly wants to be instead of forcing herself to be a nun. The scenery of the play takes place mostly at the church, where Deloris spends a majority of her time. In attempt to keep her out of trouble, she is assigned to be leader of the choir, which initially is bland and boring. Deloris manages to uplift the choir and turn it into a soulful and vibrant act that brings a lot of attention. In about four of the scenes that took place at the church during service, the priest included the crowd and pretended we were part of the service, making it a more memorable and real experience.

A few of the songs that were in the musical were “Take Me to Heaven,” “Fabulous Baby!,” “Here Within These Walls” and “It’s Good to be a Nun.” The cast did a great job involving the crowd as they sang different songs by clapping or singing. In comparison to the actual film and the play, they both share the exact same plot. Deloris led the choir in both the play and the actual film. Although the songs were different, both were soulful. “The play was different than the movie in a sense that it was more of a younger crowd but since I brought my two daughters it was entertaining for them,” said audience member Kristen Stevens. Some of the characters have different names than the movie, such as the mobster Curtis. In the movie, he is named Vince. “I brought my niece to watch it since she wants to join the CMT,” said San Jose resident Darlene Hobbs. “She seemed to really enjoy it, we both did. We have never watched the actual movie, but my favorite part was when Deloris was getting chased by Curtis towards the end.” Before the play began, I was unaware the cast was going to be all students, since the actual movie was based off of older women. However, the CMT did not disappoint me one bit. The entire cast did an exceptional job acting out the film and taking on much older roles. It is obvious the cast has much experience with acting and singing which made the performance even more interesting and relatable to the actual movie. “I was surprised at how talented these young actors were,” said Santa Clara resident Timothy Smith. “My wife and I love the movie, and when we heard this play was playing, we were very excited. We were not disappointed.” The Montgomery Theatre will also be hosting the CMT on April 22 for the premiere of “Billy Elliot the Musical.”



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# Constitutional convenience and the reality of Obama’s Supreme Court nomination

By **Jeremy Cummings**  
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The current debacle surrounding Obama’s Supreme Court nomination is pure nonsense and political rhetoric. It makes me unbelievably angry when Senators walk around babbling about their loyalty to the Constitution, then pull a rapid u-turn when adherence to the Constitution would work against their political goals.

The Constitution says the president shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint Supreme Court justices. That’s it. It’s the president’s job to appoint a justice when there is a vacancy and it’s Congress’s job to evaluate the nominee and confirm them if they’re a good fit for the job.

The Senate does not have to accept Obama’s nomination if they do not approve. They give their advice and consent— that’s what the Constitution says. What it doesn’t say is that Congress shall spew nonsense rhetoric and stonewall legitimately qualified nominees for purely political reasons.

The fact of the matter is that the republican senate majority is blocking this nomination with such rabid,



frothy-mouthed stubbornness simply because they don’t want Obama to appoint a liberal justice. And it’s not just Congress— other groups are getting in on the fun.

The American Center for Law and Justice, a devoutly conservative legal organization, recently circulated a petition that has been signed by more than 170,000 people. It begins by saying the American people should choose the next Supreme Court justice and ends by saying the Constitution is at stake. It’s been a long time since I saw such a glaring contradiction from a group of people who expect to be taken seriously.

The Constitution says absolutely nothing about the American people choosing a Supreme Court justice. And that’s because the American people would make a terrible choice.

The president nominates Supreme Court justices because the president has an understanding of the law based on more than a few poorly-quoted Fox News soundbytes. If it was up to the American people they’d probably nominate Deez Nuts for the position.

All arguments against the nomination fly out the window as soon as you take a closer look. People say that there’s not enough time to thoroughly vet a nominee. That’s nonsense.

Obama officially nominated Sonia Sotomayor on May 26, 2009. She went through the congressional approval process and was sworn in on Aug. 8 the same

year. That’s three months. There is more than enough time remaining in Obama’s term for the confirmation process to be carried out.

They say there’s no historical precedent for a nomination in the final year, but the Supreme Court itself disagrees. An article on the Supreme Court’s official blog regarding the debacle states, “The historical record does not reveal any instances since at least 1900 of the president failing to nominate and/or the Senate failing to confirm a nominee in a presidential election year because of the impending election.”

US senator Mitch McConnell and his legislative toadies are acting out of nothing but a purely selfish hunger for power. It has nothing to do with the Constitution. It has nothing to do with concern for the American people. It’s purely political and when they say anything else, they are lying to our faces.

The Senate Republicans are basically holding on to the hope that they get a Republican they like in the White House next year. I can’t wait to see their faces when a Democrat or, God forbid, Donald Trump sits down in the Oval Office and starts planning who to nominate.

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# TV broadcasting has changed for the betterment of learning

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In respect to the entirety of programming available to children today, it is almost a matter of fact that certain shows have become timeless and are part of a much larger discussion about the definition of childhood.

Over the years, the programming available to children has consisted of a number of shows that focus on the development of abilities, like speech and problem solving. This method of animation and storytelling seem to have remained the same in today’s programming. The platform of public television production must also be considered as one of the most significant.

There are multiple ways in which shows are evaluated both by broadcasting commissions and the public that will influence its production. The Children’s Television Act of 1990 requires channels to include “educational and informational” broadcasts for children. It is conclusively more significant for the production of children’s shows to be moral, thoughtful and appropriate for viewing.

Television broadcasts have normalized into a matter of understanding the audience and the interests of viewers through a plotline and communication of creative messages and stories. The success of many television shows is often based upon this approach and nothing else.

Jim Henson’s “Dinosaur Train,” a children’s show that makes up part of the PBS Kids Television schedule, is a show of science and adventure. The dinosaurs onboard are traveling to different areas in the Cretaceous Period to meet with other dinosaurs and explore.

There are examples of how children interact with each other in the “Treasure Hunt” episode of “Dinosaur Train,” as one dinosaur named Dawn shows the others what amber is and explains how it is formed.

The dinosaurs then travel together to hunt for amber. At the end of the episode, Dawn trades her amber encasing a leaf for another dinosaur’s amber encasing a Cretaceous bug.

Like any show for children, there must be understanding by adults who can speak to the effect of certain programs and the ideation that occurs with each show’s production. Behavioral sciences must be well

understood by the adult population that produces children’s shows.

It is my opinion that the content of various children’s shows has become a matter of responsibility for adults in understanding developmental psychology and creating a context for positive development for youth. My personal viewpoint on this is to say that the collection of shows available to children today are equal in quality to many shows directed towards adults. These shows often require attention on behalf of the viewer, regardless of age, in order to comprehend and enjoy.

Whether “Dinosaur Train” is to be seen in respect to Henson’s career or his most famous work, “The Muppets,” is a matter of understanding the thematic elements of any television show directed towards children and the means of producing and broadcasting them.

In respect to the PBS Kids Television lineup, these shows today include “Curious George,” “Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood,” “Wild Kratts,” “The Cat in the Hat” and continues to include “Sesame Street” and “Thomas & Friends.”

Apparent in the different means of explaining the dinosaur species and the stories that are made whole by the use of scientific and historic information, “Dinosaur Train” is advanced in its knowledge.

While a show like “The Muppets” grants personalities to inanimate objects and “Wild Kratts” addresses the earth sciences, there are few shows that directly address the existence of multiple characters and topics



with a basis in scientific fact, alongside a plot line of traveling through the Cretaceous Period as “Dinosaur Train” does.

TV broadcasting is a means of communication, and as the world changes, so must the information we know to be true about it. The development of programming is important for this reason and the appreciation for television through shows like “Dinosaur Train” continues. The stories we appreciate at any age are based upon the skills and sciences we know to be true.

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Dear Ryan Vermont,

I was reading the Spartan Daily newspaper and I found your article “Are Ride Sharing Apps Trustworthy?” very interesting. I remember hearing the random shooting incident on the news which was caused by an Uber driver named Jason Dalton. Even though you claim that to be a Ride Share driver you must pass a series of background checks, there is still no way to guarantee that one is safe in a car with a stranger. There have been multiple incidents still where uber drives have been accused of assault, and also rash driving. For example, this last month, there was a women in Queens who was sexually assaulted by an Uber Driver. About one year ago there was a seven-year-old girl from San Francisco that was struck and killed by an Uber driver. Even though technically the Uber Driver was not on the job at that time so technically Uber is not liable for the death, it still goes to show how well the drivers actually drive regardless of the records. In my perspective, no amount of background checks or requirements could guarantee that you are safe in a car with a stranger. Although I can agree with you when you say that a few negative stories should not scare everyone off. I think next time perhaps you can provide negatives and positives about Ride Sharing Apps and let the reader make a decision. It would be nice to see what you find negative about Ride Share Apps as well. I really found your article very intriguing as Uber is relevant to most college students. I look forward to reading more articles by you, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Amrinder Kaur

## Letter to the editor



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## BASEBALL

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**By Tony Nunez**  
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According to the Air Force Athletics website, the Falcons head coach became

Pleschner was two-for-four with two RBIs and a scored run. Campbell went three-for-four with a double, two RBIs and



Last season, the Spartans went 1-4

The Spartans are back in action on Tuesday. They'll host University of San Francisco on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in a non-conference game at Municipal Stadium.

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